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A SOUTHERN woman's maid, Clara, had a sweetheart who tired of her, and fell into the habit of sending her all sorts of ridiculous excuses for not keeping his engagements with her. Finally the mistress advised the maid to dismiss the suitor and not to stand any more of his somewhat cavalier treatment.

One evening the maid rushed to the mistress and exhibited signs of great anger. "Missus," she burst out, "you know what dat wuthless feller done 'fome me?"

The woman thought it was one of the old stories, a broken ankle or some other improbability. She asked, "What, Nannie?"

"He done say," exploded the maid, "he can' come see me 'cause he done pawn his pants!"

JOHN JOY EDSON, one of the best known bank presidents in Washington, narrowly escaped spending his life as a Government clerk at a salary of not more than fifteen hundred dollars a year. He escaped because his wife refused to marry him until he had left the Government service.

ON his last trip to the Pacific Coast, Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, struck a small town that had only one hotel. He went to this hostelry, which had negro bellboys. After he had gone to his room, he rang for a boy and asked: "Is there a haberdasher in this town?" "Yas, Suh," replied the boy. "Boss, is dat a whisky or a cigarette?"

LUKE LEA, the Senate's "baby," tells this on himself:

"I have seen it printed in several newspapers that I was a great football player when I was at college. As a matter of fact, I never played but one game of football in my life. That was a terrific but bloodless encounter between my boarding house team and another aggregation at the University of the South. In the first part of the game, I got hold of the ball and started as fast as I could go toward my goal, not realizing that the point was to take it across the opposite side's goal line. The thing that saved the day was that the quarterback on my team overtook me, tackled me, threw me down, and wrested the ball from my grasp. That is my football record, and I'm not very proud of it."

A REPUBLICAN Senator, who had been subjected to excoriation in a magazine article, was seated in the cloakroom discussing the abuse he had suffered. "In my opinion," he said hotly, "a muckraker is nothing but a political hookworm."

"In which case," chimed in Borah of Idaho, "it seems that now and then he throws in his hooks."

JOSEPH McKENNA, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was at one time a member of Congress; but he was glad to give up politics for a position on the circuit bench.

TOM MILLARD, writer on affairs in the Far East, was showing a party of Americans, including a diplomat and several Members of Congress, through a town in China. He took them into a hut and pointed to a young woman who was preparing a meal and an old woman lying on a bench in the back part of the one room.

"See!" exclaimed Millard in an oratorical tone. "Note how the Chinese look after their ancestors! The aged do not have to work. They recline in ease and comfort while the younger generation toils."

He got off a good deal of talk in this vein, and then asked the girl about the old woman. "My grandmother," she explained stolidly. "She going to die. She's got yellow fever."

After that the tourists hired a real guide.

A NATOMICAL OBSERVATION: In proportion to the rest of his face, Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey is the longest-chinned man who ever came to Washington, and Representative Cullop of Indiana has the longest nose.

### DRAGGING TIME

BEFORE the plays of George Bernard Shaw became successful he made his living as a musical critic. One night a friend invited him to hear a string quartet from Italy. He accepted the invitation, expecting a treat. He sat throughout the program, however, with a stony face.

Fishing for a little praise, his friend said, "Mr. Shaw, those men have been playing together for twelve years."

"Twelve years!" exploded Shaw in an incredulous voice. "Oh, surely we have been here longer than that!"

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